

FORM PTO/SB/08A/B (10-01)
Substitute for PTO-1449A/B

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE**STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Attorney Docket Number

50905/N194

Application Number

10/649,874

Filing Date

August 26, 2003

Applicant(s)

Masanori Katsuta

Group Art Unit

2837

Examiner Name

Marlon T. Fletcher

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS	Cite No. ¹	DOCUMENT NUMBER Number - Kind Code ² (If Known)	PUBLICATION DATE MM-DD-YYYY	NAME OF PATENTEE

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (If Known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	T ⁶ (✓)
		JP 9-237088	09-09-1997	Hayashi	Abstract
		JP 2000-56756	02-25-2000	Ifuku et al.	Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article, title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.
		Office Action dated January 23, 2008 for corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-259369
		Office Action dated March 27, 2008 for corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-273310

SLS PAS789646.1-*04/15/08 4:18 PM

EXAMINER SIGNATURE	/Marlon Fletcher/	DATE CONSIDERED	08/04/2008
<p>EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.pto.gov or MPEP 901.4. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English Language Translation is attached.</p>			

Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

JEJ/sls

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /M.F./

Sheet 1 of 1